GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION AND MODERNISATION OF TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal for the expansion and modernisation of telephone exchanges in West Bengal during 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the government in this regard;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in Uluberia sub-division of Howrah district in West Bengal;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which these exchanges are likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All telephone exchanges in West Bengal have been made electronic type. The plans for expansions of telephone exchanges in West Bengal in the year 2001-2002, district wise is given as per Annexure.

(c) The steps taken in this regard are given below.

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i) Renting of buildings for new exchanges and advance action for getting
 electric power are being processed.
ii) Procurement of switching and transmission equipments are under process.
iii) Procurement of subscribers cable and OFC cable are under process.
iv) Installations are in progress in different sites.
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(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) & (f): One new exchange at Kulgachhia is proposed to be setup in Uluberia sub-division during the last quarter of the current financial year 2001-02.

Annexure

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Sl. No. District  SSA  Proposed telephone exchanges
      Capacity expansions in lines


1. Asansol   Asansol  56500

2. Bankura   Bankura  10500

3. Murshidabad  Berhampore 22000

4. Howrah   Calcutta 4500
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5. Hooghly Calcutta 31500
6. 24 Parganas (North) Calcutta 16000

7 24 Parganas (South) Calcutta 7000

8. Cooch Behar Cooch Behar 12500

9. Jalpaiguri Jalpaiguri 14000
10. Midnapur Kharagpur 43000
11. Nadia Krishnagar 29000
12. Malda Malda 15500
13. Purulia Purulia 11000
14. Dinajpur (North) Raigunj 11500
15. Dinajpur (South) Raigunj 7500
16. Darjeeling Siliguri 22000
17. Birbhum Suri 14200
18 Kolkata Kolkata 170000

Total 498200